

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A semiconductor structure, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a source area formed in the substrate;
 - a drain area formed in the substrate and comprising a doping of a first conductivity type, wherein the drain area comprises a first drain portion having a first doping concentration and a second drain portion having a second doping concentration, wherein the first doping concentration is higher than the second doping concentration, wherein the second drain portion includes a first region comprising a doping of a second conductivity type which is different to the first conductivity type;
 - a second region formed in the substrate below the second drain portion and comprising a doping of the first conductivity type; and
 - a channel area in the substrate between the source area and the second drain portion,
wherein the doping concentration of the second region is higher than the doping concentration of the second drain portion.
2. (original) The semiconductor structure according to claim 1, wherein the second region in the substrate is formed such that the second region is substantially opposite to the first region in the second drain portion.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The semiconductor structure according to claim 1, wherein the first region is embedded in the second drain portion.

5. (original) The semiconductor structure according to claim 1, where in the first region is formed in the second drain portion such that the first region is exposed at a surface of the substrate.
6. (original) The semiconductor structure according to claim 1, wherein the first region is floating.
7. (original) The semiconductor structure according to claim 1 wherein the first region is connected to a reference potential.
8. (canceled)
9. (canceled)
10. (currently amended) A semiconductor comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a source area formed in the substrate and having a doping of a first conductivity type;
 - a drain area formed in the substrate and displaced from the source area, the drain area comprising a first drain portion having a doping of the first conductivity type and a first doping concentration and a second doping concentration lower than the first doping concentration, the second drain portion being disposed between the first drain portion and the source area;
 - a first region formed in the second drain region, the first region having a doping of a second conductivity type which is different than the first conductivity type;
 - a second region formed below the second drain region and having a doping of the first conductivity type; and
 - a channel area in the substrate between the source area and the drain area, wherein the second region has a doping concentration higher than the second drain portion.
11. (canceled)

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the second region is disposed substantially below the first region in the substrate.
13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the second region does not extend below the channel area.
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 and further comprising a gate structure formed on a surface of the substrate above the channel and wherein the second drain portion does not extend substantially below the gate structure.
15. (canceled)
16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~15~~ 10 wherein the second drain portion is substantially flat.
17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the first region is embedded in the second drain portion and the depth and doping concentration of the second region compensates for the increased resistance resulting in the second drain portion resulting from the depth and doping concentration of first region embedded therein.
18. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the first region and second region form an area of dual implantation.
19. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the depth and doping concentration of the second region compensates for the increased resistance resulting in the second drain portion resulting from the depth and doping concentration of first region disposed therein.
20. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the second drain portion is flat.

21. (new) A semiconductor comprising:
- a substrate;
 - a source area formed in the substrate and having a doping of a first conductivity type;
 - a drain area formed in the substrate and displaced from the source area, the drain area comprising a first drain portion having a doping of the first conductivity type and a first doping concentration and a second drain portion having a doping of the first conductivity type and a second doping concentration lower than the first doping concentration, the second drain portion being disposed between the first drain portion and the source area;
 - a first region formed in the second drain region, the first region having a doping of a second conductivity type which is different than the first conductivity type;
 - a second region formed below the second drain region and having a doping of the first conductivity type;
 - a channel area in the substrate between the source area and the drain area; and
 - a gate structure formed on a surface of the substrate above the channel area, wherein the second drain portion is disposed substantially below the first region in the substrate and does not extend substantially below the gate structure, and wherein the doping concentration of the second region is higher than the doping concentration of the second drain portion.
22. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the first region and second region form an area of dual implantation.
23. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the depth and doping concentration of the second region compensates for the increased resistance resulting in the second drain portion resulting from the depth and doping concentration of first region disposed therein.
24. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the second drain portion is flat.